

# Rocky Mountain Cancer Bulletin

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*The Cancer Information Service of the Rocky Mountain Region is a program of the National Cancer Institute (NCI) serving the states of Arizona, Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming in cooperation with Penrose-St. Francis Health Services.*

## **Selected NCI Press Releases / NewsCenter Items**

Available at <http://www.cancer.gov/newscenter/>

- Chest X-Rays Can Detect Early Lung Cancer But Can Also Produce Many False-Positive Results (12/20/05)
- Pancreatic Cancer Linked to Insulin Resistance in Male Smokers (12/13/2005)
- NIH Launches Comprehensive Effort to Explore Cancer Genomics: The Cancer Genome Atlas Begins With Three-Year, \$100 Million Pilot (12/13/05)
- Two Types of Breast Cancer Treatments Show Similar Benefit (12/8/2005)

## **NCI BenchMarks (Vol. 5, Issue 6, 11/30/05)**

Available at

<http://www.cancer.gov/newscenter/benchmarks-vol5-issue6>

- Reducing Disparities in Cancer Health Care
- Cancer Health Disparities: A Fact Sheet

## **NCI Cancer Bulletin (Vol. 2, No. 45, 11/22/05)**

Of interest in the section called "Community Update" is an article entitled *NCI Focuses on Native Americans*. Available at

[http://www.cancer.gov/ncicancerbulletin/NCI\\_Cancer\\_Bulletin\\_112205/page9](http://www.cancer.gov/ncicancerbulletin/NCI_Cancer_Bulletin_112205/page9)

## **New Publications of Interest**

Available for order using the NCI Publications Service, <https://cissecure.nci.nih.gov/ncipubs>:

- Coping with Advanced Cancer
- Facing Forward: When Someone You Love has Completed Cancer Treatment
- When Cancer Returns
- When Someone You Love Has Advanced Cancer
- When Someone You Love is Being Treated for Cancer

## **NCI Fact Sheet Collection - New and revised**

Available at

<http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/factsheet/>

- Care for Children and Adolescents with Cancer: Questions and Answers (Fact sheet 1.21, 11/10/05)
- National Organizations That Offer Services to People With Cancer and Their Families (Fact sheet 8.1, 11/16/05)

## **Other Items of Interest**

- New Research Shows Artificial Light at Night Stimulates Breast Cancer Growth in Laboratory Mice (12/19/05)  
<http://www.nih.gov/news/pr/dec2005/niehs-19.htm>
- New Findings on the Willingness of Minorities to Participate in Health Research (12/6/05)  
<http://www.nih.gov/news/pr/dec2005/cc-06.htm>
- Computer-Aided Polyp Detection Software in Combination with Virtual Colonoscopy is as Effective as Traditional Optical Colonoscopy (12/1/05)  
<http://www.nih.gov/news/pr/dec2005/cc-01.htm>

## **Ask the CIS Column**

Short, easy-to-read columns based on the latest cancer information from NCI, in question-and-answer format for newsletters and other publications. Please contact your regional Partnership Program Coordinator to access full columns. (Contact information is on page 2.) This month's column is about physical activity.

## **National Health Observances**

The National Health Observances can be found on the National Health Information Center Web site at <http://www.healthfinder.gov/library/nho/nho.asp?year=2006>.

## **January observances:**

- Cervical Health Awareness Month
- National Blood Donor Month
- Thyroid Awareness Month

## **Looking ahead to February observances:**

- National Donor Day (14th)

## **Online Service – LiveHelp**

Confidential, online text chat with a National Cancer Institute Information Specialist.  
Available Mon. – Fri., 9 a.m. – 11 p.m. EST.



**For cancer information and to order NCI publications call 1-800-4-CANCER (1-800-422-6237) or visit <http://www.cancer.gov>**

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# Events of Interest

## NATIONAL:

### ❖ National Leadership Summit on Eliminating Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health

**Dates:** January 9-11, 2006

**Location:** Grand Hyatt Hotel, 1000 H St NW, Washington, DC

**Registration:** Full registration is \$625. Registering for plenaries and workshops only is \$425. More details on registration at <http://www.omhsummit2006.org/register.htm>.

**Audience:** The summit will bring together leaders from all levels of government, academia, public health, mental health, minority-serving institutions, and minority communities to advance key issues and opportunities for improving minority health and closing the health gap.

### ❖ New Cervical Cancer Publications: Educational Web Seminars

**Sponsor:** National Cancer Institute (NCI) Office of Education and Special Initiatives (OESI)

**Background:** OESI has recently developed two new cervical cancer brochures, *Cervical Cancer: What You Can Do to Protect Yourself* (Spanish) and *Cervical Cancer: What Vietnamese Women Should Know* (Vietnamese). In conjunction with these brochures, OESI is also collaborating to host two educational web seminars on cervical cancer in Hispanic and Vietnamese women.

#### Dates/Times:

- January 18, 2006, 3–5 PM ET (Vietnamese)
- January 19, 2006, 2–4 PM ET (Hispanic)

#### Registration:

Free, but RSVPs are required by 1/15/2006. Please contact your regional Partnership Program Coordinator for the RSVP form, as well as information about the seminars, the publications, and promotional materials. Contact information appears below.

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### ❖ 10th Biennial Symposium on Minorities, the Medically Underserved & Cancer: Committed to Eliminating Disparities

**Sponsors:** Intercultural Cancer Council and Baylor College of Medicine

**Dates:** April 19-23, 2006

**Location:** Omni Shoreham Hotel, Washington, DC

**Registration:** If registering before Jan. 31, fee is \$500. Online registration is available at <http://iccnetwork.org/symposium/>.

This link also provides complete program information, contacts, and other resources relating to the symposium.

### ❖ 2006 UICC World Cancer Congress (WCC), 13th World Conference on Tobacco OR Health (WCTOH), and the CDC Partners Summit

**Sponsors:** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the International Union Against Cancer Conference (UICC)

#### Dates:

UICC 2006 World Cancer Congress: July 8-12, 2006  
13th World Conference on Tobacco OR Health (WCTOH): July 12-15, 2006

**Location:** Convention Center, Washington, DC

**Registration:** WCC/Summit combo early bird registration (\$550) will admit attendees from July 8-13. This will provide an opportunity to attend the WCC Public Health Track, for which CDC is sponsoring several symposiums, and hear about global cancer prevention and control initiatives. Early bird registration ends April 1. See [www.2006conferences.org/c-registration.php](http://www.2006conferences.org/c-registration.php) for registration details and to register.

**Audience:** CDC cordially invites its domestic cancer prevention and control grantees and partners to attend both the UICC World Cancer Congress and the Cancer Partners Summit from July 8-13. Registration for the Summit is included in the World Cancer Congress registration fee, so participants may take full advantage of the information and opportunities offered by both events. See [www.2006conferences.org/summit.php](http://www.2006conferences.org/summit.php) for more details about the summit.

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**National Funding Opportunities – New listings*****Nancy R. Gelman Foundation Announces Seed Grant Program for Breast Cancer Projects*****Key Dates:***Application Receipt Date:* January 31, 2006*Earliest Anticipated Start Date:* April 1, 2006

**Summary:** The Nancy R. Gelman Foundation, a nonprofit corporation dedicated to improving outcomes for patients with breast cancer, is accepting applications for its 2006 Seed Grant Program. The program will award grants of up to \$2,000 to fund projects aimed at improving outcomes for women with breast cancer.

Types of projects that the foundation's seed grants might fund could include a mentored summer fellowship for a medical student to work in a laboratory to gain experience in basic research on breast cancer mechanisms or therapies; community-based efforts to promote breast cancer awareness and early detection among populations at increased risk; development of information materials to encourage appropriate screening and to help guide newly diagnosed patients or those whose cancer has recurred through the challenging maze of treatment options; fledgling research studies to pave the way for further advances in breast cancer therapy; quality initiatives in cancer or emergency department nursing units to improve care for patients with breast cancer; and a summer research project studying end-of-life care for breast cancer patients and making recommendations to hospitals and hospice organizations to improve care.

Projects for which a seed grant may be awarded must demonstrate a need for start-up, interim, or supplemental funding within the period April 1, 2006, to April 1, 2007; not already be funded by other sources (projects that represent a clear new initiative extending beyond the scope of a currently funded project are permissible); and prospectively state an objective outcome measure that will be used to gauge project success.

Complete program guidelines and application materials are available at <http://www.nrgf.org/grants.html>.

**Previously listed funding opportunities*****American Legacy Foundation - Small Innovative Grants Program****Letter of Intent Receipt Date:* February 15, 2006 at 5 PM ESTFor details, visit <http://www.americanlegacy.org/americanlegacy/>.***Program Announcement (PA) Number: PAR-03-170 - Health Promotion Among Racial and Ethnic Minority Males****Application Receipt Date(s):* for 2006, February 1, June 1; expiration date August 31, 2006For details, visit <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-03-170.html>.***Program Announcement (PA) Number: PAR-04-153 - Health Disparities Among Minority and Underserved Women****Application Receipt Date(s):* for 2006, February 1, June 1, October 1; until 2007For details, visit <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-04-153.html>.***Program Announcement (PA) Number: PAR-05-065 - Cancer Education (R25E) Grants Program****Application Receipt Date(s):* for 2006, February 1, June 1, October 1; until 2008For details, visit <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-05-065.html>.***Program Announcement (PA) Number: PAR-05-123 - Small Grant Program for Conference Support****Application Receipt Date(s):* for 2006, February 20, April 20, June 20, August 20, October 20, December 20; until 2008For details, visit <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-05-123.html>.***Program Announcement (PA) Number: PAR-06-039 - Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health****Application Receipt Date(s):* for 2006, January 24 and September 22; until 2009For details, visit <http://www.grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-06-039.html>.***Program Announcement (PA) Number: PA-06-041 - NIH Support for Conferences and Scientific Meetings (R13/U13)****Application Receipt Date(s):* for 2006, April 15, August 15, December 15; until 2008For details, visit <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-06-041.html>.